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RANDY MITCHELL. COMMISSIONER, THIRD DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

August 11, 2005

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

IN RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R., Section 54.314, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("PSCSC") hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission that the carriers listed in Attachment A to this letter are rural incumbent local exchange carriers; and, that all companies listed have provided sworn affidavits stating that all federal high cost support received during 2005 will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrade of facilities and service for which support is intended.

Please date stamp the extra copy of this filing and return it to me in the enclosed stamped, self addressed envelope. If additional information is required, please contact me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Randy Mitchell

RM:ng

Enclosures:

c: Ms. Irene Flannery Universal Service Administrative Company 2120 L. Street, NW, Suite 600 Washington, D.C. 20037

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Beaufort

COMPANY: Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is *William R. Oglesby*. I am employed by *Bluffton Telephone* Company, Inc.. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT. Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Cathy Lee Lolik Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: October 27,2009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

COMPANY: CHESNEE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Hannah A. Lancaster. I am employed by Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its President/General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chesnee Telephone hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Hannah A. Lancaster

President/General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21 day of July 2005.

Annette Williams

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: August 7, 2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is James F. Hicklin. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company. (the "Company") as its V.P. and General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

V.P. and General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this ______ day of July, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG

COMPANY: FARMERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>John L. McDaniel</u>. I am employed by <u>Farmers Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

J. R. McDaniel
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this <u>lst</u> day of <u>July</u> 2005.

Marcana K. Lisdale
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
Marcana V. Tindale

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 12-7-2009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Fort Mill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Fort Mill Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006; including Local Switching Support, Long Term Support, and High Cost Loop Support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Matthew L. Dosch

Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 28th day of June, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Crant

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9 17 2011

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF **Beaufort**

COMPANY: Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>William R. Oglesby</u>. I am employed by <u>Hargray Telephone</u> <u>Company, Inc.</u>. (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William R. Oglesby Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this $\frac{51h}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$ 2005.

COLLY LOLFOLM NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Cathy Lee Lolik

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: October 27, 2009

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

COMPANY: HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is H. Keith Oliver. I am employed by Home Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Corporate Operations. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Home Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Senior Vice President Corporate Operations

Subscribed to and swom before me this 21st day of July

Maria Enwerer. NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Gloria J. Kemmerer Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: <u>dua. 12, 2006</u>.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY

COMPANY: HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>M. O'NEAL MILLER, JR.</u>, I am employed by <u>HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Chief Executive Financial Operations

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 25th day of July 2005.

Nancy V. Moore

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 11-17-2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 5. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Lancaster Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 6. Lancaster Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006; including Local Switching Support, Long Term Support, and High Cost Loop Support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Matthew L. Døsch

Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 28th day of June, 2005.

Theresa H. Grant

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Grant

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is James F. Hicklin. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company. (the "Company") as its Secretary. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

nes 7. Hicklin Secretary

Subscribed to and sworn before me this Standard day of July, 2005.

Y PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of McClellanville Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice-President, Federal Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. McClellanville Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Vice-President, Federal Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July, 2005.

Irmgard F. Metz

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007

STATE OF WISCONSIN) ss.
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Norway Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice-President, Federal Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Norway Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Vice-President, Federal Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July, 2005.

Irmgard F. Metz

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is JOHN SHELTON. I am employed by PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY. (the "Company") as its CONTROLLER. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

OHN SHELTON

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 8 day of July 2005

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Alice B. Webster

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3 - 13 - 2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

COMPANY: PIEDMONT RURAL TELEPHONE COOP, INC

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is James P Wilder I am employed by Piedmont Rural Telephone Coop, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Executive Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Piedmont Rural Telephone Coop, Inc hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

James P Wilder

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of July 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Sharon O'Bryant

Printed Name of Notary

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

COMPANY: PBT TELECOM, INC. STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is L.B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") as its Vice President / CRO I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. PBT Telecom, Inc .hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

L.B. Spearman
Vice President/CRO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5 day of July 2005.

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NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Susan G. Gunter

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 6.16-2009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is James F. Hicklin. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company. (the "Company") as its V.P. of Operations. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

James F. Hicklin
V.P. of Operations

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 34 day of July, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: ROCK HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 2405442

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 3. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Rock Hill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 4. Rock Hill Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006; including Local Switching Support, Long Term Support, Safety Net Additive Support, and High Cost Loop Support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 28th day of June, 2005.

Theresa H. Crant NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Grant
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Chesterfield

COMPANY: Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Irvin B. Williams. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative Inc. (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative Inc., hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Irvin B. Williams
General Manager

STATE OF WISCONSIN)) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of St. Stephen Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice-President, Federal Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. St. Stephen Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Vice-President, Federal Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July, 2005.

irmgard F. Metz

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

COMPANY: West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240550

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David J. Herron. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David J. Herron General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Claudie C. Bruce Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1-13-2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Williston Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice-President, Federal Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Williston Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2006 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Vice-President, Federal Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 5th day of July, 2005.

Irmgard F. Metz

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007